

Web Advisory

Date: December 14, 2007 – December 15, 2007

CITY OF CINCINNATI WINTER OPERATIONS UPDATE

WEATHER STATUS: The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Watch from Saturday morning to Sunday morning. A winter storm watch means conditions are favorable for hazardous winter weather in and close to the watch area. A mixture of snow, sleet and freezing rain will develop across the area Saturday morning. Temperatures will warm to above freezing Saturday afternoon into Saturday evening. This will allow the precipitation to change over to all rain. Cooler air will then move back into the area after midnight, changing the rain back to snow. Total snow accumulations of 1 to 3 inches are possible by Sunday morning. Some ice accumulation is also possible. Periods of snow are expected to occur mainly before 11 am. Chance of precipitation is 90%. Sunday night will be mostly cloudy, with a low temperature around 19°.

Heavy snow and/or ice are forecasted to accumulate in the area causing hazardous driving conditions. Those with travel plans in the area are advised to use extreme caution when driving.

OPERATIONS STATUS: Pretreatment of primary roads began with salt brine on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 7:00 p.m. Friday night. City crews will begin 12-hour shifts Friday night at 7:00 p.m. and work throughout the weekend until all roads are safe and passable. Secondary roads will be pre-treated tonight with pre-wet salt overnight resulting in 95% of all city streets being pre-treated before the snow is expected to begin tomorrow. City crews will continue working throughout the weekend to treat streets with salt until streets are safe for travel.

With hazardous driving conditions, citizens should use extreme caution when driving and watch for developing slick areas. Citizen should monitor weather conditions and local forecasts. Citizens can reduce risk and assist snow removal efforts by parking off streets where possible.

WINTER OPERATIONS FACTS & FIGURES:

- ❖ City will have 80 dump trucks and 30 pickup trucks for snow removal over the weekend.
- ❖ Salt on hand: 20,000 tons of salt in four salt domes.
- ❖ Calcium chloride and salt will be used during the storm to melt snow or ice precipitation.
- ❖ Remember bridges and overpasses freeze before roads.
- ❖ Motorists should allow extra driving time and use extreme caution.

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